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International Women's Day
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The HHOA Fish Hatchery was packed with people and pups participating in Snowflake Meadows Rescue's Puppy Yoga on Saturday, Mar. 2. For adoption information, contact snowflakemeadowrescue@gmail.com. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

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Naturally Yours

Don't forget your woolies

RICK WHITTEKER
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I recommend you become a tag reader. Clothing tags tell you what materials were used to make the garment. When deciding on your purchase, knowledge of clothing fabrics and their properties will help you keep warm and dry in your active outdoor pursuits.

A fundamental clothing concept in cold temperature thermoregulation is layering; each clothing layer traps some of the warm air that radiates from your body. Picking the best combination of fabrics to stay warm starts with the base layer, the clothing in direct contact with your skin.

Moisture is your enemy, especially in the winter. The popular mantra amongst outdoors folk is "cotton kills" as wet cotton base layers can be hazardous in the cold. Cotton is hydrophilic or "water loving" and will absorb moisture from your sweat or precipitation. All the spaces in cotton fill with moisture, holding this wetness against your skin. This can leave you with an uncomfortable cold and clammy feeling as wet cotton loses all its insulating value and draws heat away from your body. Great in the summer when you are hot, bad in the winter when trying to stay warm.

Materials that are hydrophobic, or "water-fearing" are commonly synthetic materials like polypropylene and polyester with brand names like Capilene. A good example of fabric hydrophobia is trying to wipe up a spill with a polyester cloth, the material spreads the moisture around but doesn't absorb it. The best base layers have hydrophilic (water-loving) properties against your skin and hydrophobic (water-fearing) properties on the outside of the material thereby, by capillary action, wicking the moisture away from your skin. Merino wool does this naturally as the keratin fibres are hydrophobic at one end and hydrophilic at the other, effectively transferring moisture to your mid-layer and keeping you dry.

Unlike the "woolies" of the past, merino wool worn directly against your skin is no longer like wearing burlap. The ultrafine diameter of merino wool is much softer on your skin. Traditional course wool fibers come from sheep that graze in the low-lying grassy plains. Merino sheep live in mountainous regions where harsher conditions and extreme temperature variances produce wool that is finely crimped and effective for thermoregulation in all seasons.

Although not as hydrophobic as poly-based materials, wool fibers are hollow making wool clothing 85 per cent air. These pockets of air trap body heat within the fibres. However, wool can absorb up to 35 per cent of its weight in water so it can get heavy but it does not leave you feeling damp, keeping you warm even when wet. Excessive sweat or precipitation that seeps into the hollow wool fibers does not ensure a cold experience like with cotton clothing.

The lanolin in wool also makes it anti-bacterial. Lanolin is a natural, oily, or waxy substance that allows wool to effectively shed moisture, stay soft and suppress odour. Body odours absorbed by poly-type material will leave your base layers smelling like unzipping last week's hockey bag.

Visiting our gently used clothing stores in Haliburton County is a good way to save money as merino wool is expensive. Experience the joy of finding a nice merino wool sweater or base layer tucked in amongst the many acrylic and polyester offerings. Hidden away behind the Anglican church on Invergordon Avenue in Minden, you will find The Thrift Shop, a treasure chest of clothing and other bargains. In Haliburton, SIRCH's Thrift Warehouse on Mallard Road now has a good selection of clothes as does the quaint Lily Ann Thrift Store on York Street. Any profits from your purchases go to good causes at all three destinations, the ultimate win-win shopping trip.

Keep in mind that the best clothing can't do everything for you, so as you start to sweat, shed a layer or reduce your activity level before your base layer gets too wet. Always bring an extra set of clothing with you on your outdoor trips in case the weather changes or something unexpected occurs. Packing a waterproof stuff sack with a wicking, base layer, an insulating layer (fleece or wool) or a windbreaker (uncoated nylon or breathable shell) is a wise precaution.

Whether in socks, hats, base, mid or outer layers, wool is the real deal. Often blended with other fabrics to give it stretch, wool is warm, breathable and more natural than synthetic clothing. For camping and outdoor work in the bush, wool is great. It is hardy and less prone to burn holes around the campfire.

Everyone has different tolerances to cold, so finding the clothing system that works for you is important. So, on your next outdoor clothing purchase, check the tag, you might just find the ideal piece of clothing to keep you warm, dry and happy while actively enjoying the outdoors in all seasons.

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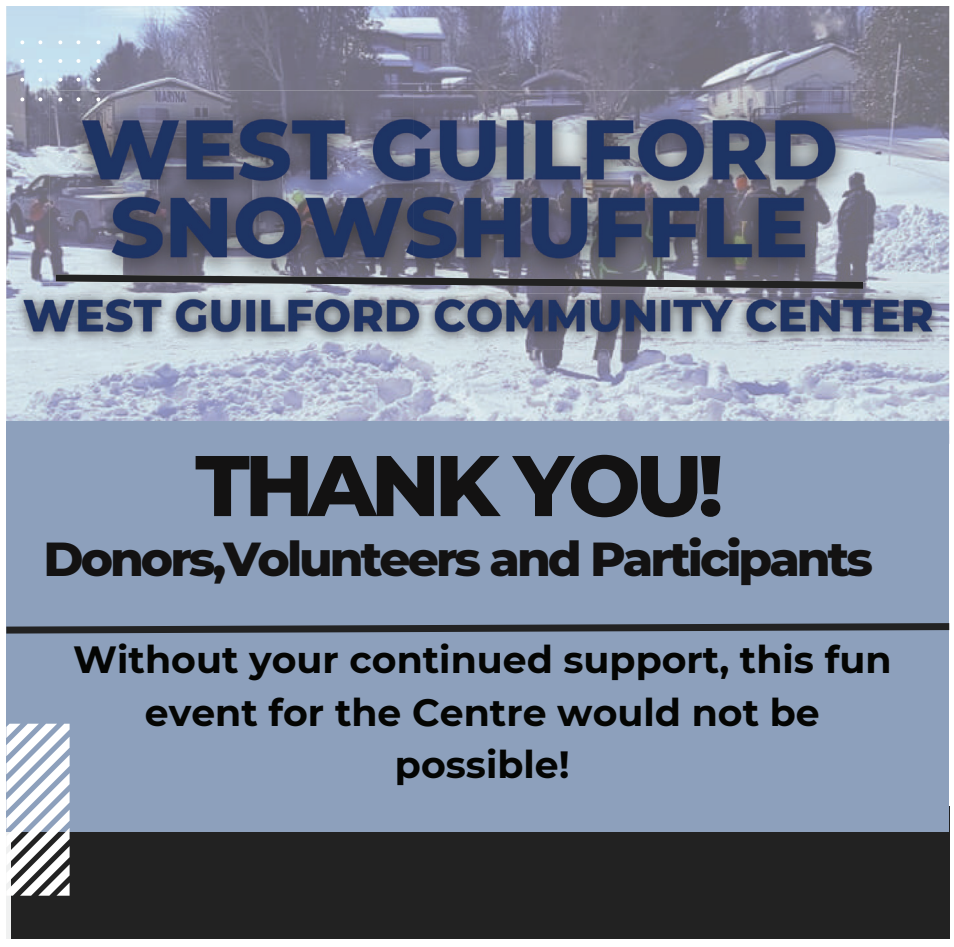
THE GREENING

Ten degrees: the city wakes
It rains instead of snows
Robins aim some lyric breaks
At grass between their toes
Wind takes on more earthly terms
And nights shrink later still
Urge to tug the woken worms
And jumpstart time's good will

Sky and trees thrive down here too
Plus cardinals shock air
Lake assumes a warmer blue
And buds sprout everywhere
Though the north remains in trance
Slow-motion, but in touch
Tortoise-speed will join the dance
It loves this month so much

Up on wires, perched as pair
Two doves roll vocal loops
Mourning nothing, no despair
Since life itself regroups
Soon I'll leave the brassy south
Return like goose on wing
Mitts on fingers, scarf on mouth
But both eyes peeled for spring

By Deborah J Reed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Place textiles in clear bags to help keep materials dry.

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Walter and Me – The love of the untamed – Ganaraska Hiking Trail

KAREN PHIPPS
Special to *County Life*

THE GANARASKA HIKING Trail - "a place of reflection, fitness, friendship and a return to nature."

I've resisted signing Walter and I up for dog training as I am not sure either one of us would be very successful students. I have discovered Walter can indeed learn a couple of commands when coaxed with treats, but he does it in a way that sometimes makes me feel like I am being played. In my experience with my now departed beloved dogs, mutual respect, trust, and love was all it took to sync up, and our relationship naturally became a balance of give and take.

However, I've never had a hound before.

Walter has many charms, but he was also bred to be a hunting dog. As much as I tell him deer are our friends, it continues to be a bit of a battle when we encounter them in our daily walks. Anyone who has had a hound will recognize the ear-piercing assault to one's nervous system when a hound has to vocalize their sightings. A few people who have met Walter have kindly suggested potential trainers, and I have appreciated their suggestions and considered the possibility. It really wasn't until a CT scan confirmation of a fracture in my L9 anterior rib that made me take their suggestions a little more seriously. Perhaps we could just work on a stop/return command?

The idea of asserting one's power over any living thing just doesn't feel comfortable to me. I do have a hard line on certain expectations, (don't eat kitty litter), but demanding compliance is out of my comfort zone. I cringe when I witness people do that "put a sausage on the end of their nose and make them wait until they hear the command" trick. Why would anyone want to do that? Any person who has had the delight of having a dog share their life with them knows that they all have their own personalities. And just like people, we want to celebrate their differences and unique charms.

The charms of the unruly, the desire to preserve a natural character and the appreciation of the untamed speaks to our adventure on the Ganaraska Trail. I've lived in Haliburton County for 27 years, and I never knew that the Ganaraska Trail dipped into our hood.

The Trail is an extensive one, running over 500 kilometres from Port Hope to the Niagara Escarpment with lots of dips and turns.

I had to smile at the line on the website that states, "The trail begins at a boulder opposite the town hall in Port Hope." You know the boulder, right? As quaint as that comment is, the website is impressive as it lists the various clubs and incredible natural diversity of the Trail (www.ganaraska-hiking-trail.org). Again, so many dedicated volunteers put their love and time into keeping this trail protected and maintained.

The part of the Trail that is in our corner is accessible down Deep Bay Road (refer to website for directions). At the trailhead there is an Information Board and the entrance is clearly marked.

This part of the Trail is considered to be in the Wilderness section as it is preserved as best as possible in its natural state while still welcoming visitors to enjoy its beauty. Walter and I did a condensed version of the Trail, and only walked to the wetlands and viewed the remains of a fire tower where you can find remnants of lives lived in the not too distant past. The Trail is hilly and if you were to venture further in, you would need to bring a GPS as the trailblazing signs are not always easy to find and you really need to follow the legend on the website to interpret. We met some serious hikers who had been on the trail for multiple days and camped at various sites. In just the couple of kilometers we walked, there were many spaces to stop and enjoy; an expansive wetland, a view of Devil's Lake, and a moss-covered hill that feels like one of nature's natural sacred spaces.

I was fortunate to have discovered this special place through a friend and Hike Haliburton. It is yet another space in Haliburton County that feeds the soul and nurtures the heart. This part of the Trail has a rugged, wild, unspoiled beauty to it. And while we love the wild, the untamed, the natural, I am learning that these are not always desirable traits in a pet. Walter and I will enroll in a class or two but I won't fret if he steps out of line a bit or doesn't graduate top of the class. I want him to maintain the spark that makes him unique, but I also want to invest some time in trying to ensure that the rest of my bones remain intact.

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Sitting at the grownups' table, don'tcha know

Maybelle's

Fireside stories

DEAR READER,

There I was having a hot cuppa at Jeanie's Swig & Munch, (why she named it "swig" is beyond ol' Maybelle. Who swigs hot tea?) when I couldn't help but overhear three ol' gals (younger than me) flapping their lips just after saying hello. "So, how's your hip, Ella Jane?" a perky looking mid-70s gal said. "Considering I am now bionic," said Ella Jane, "peachy keen. And how's your back, Tess? Still pouncing on your pain receptors at four in the morning?"

Now, this dialogue went on for another fifteen minutes or so. Just the three grey haired friends sharing details about what ailed them. "So, I researched it online and now I'm taking Bears Claw Nostril supplement (just the left nostril, got to read the label carefully), three times a day plus oregano and sea salt mixture in a glass of organic soy sauce, prune juice, and lemon water."

That's when 'ol Maybelle lost her lunch.

And wouldn't you know, after giving my head a shake (and my stomach a flush, don'tcha know), I had to laugh. That's exactly how meet-ups with my good friends always start. Fifteen minutes of, "Beanpole, did that neck brace help?" Or, "Vilma dear, Sciatica is a sciatic nerve condition that travels down from your spine to the toes, not a village in Siberia."

Yes, we are now sitting at the grownups' table. Grown way up and now shrinking way down.

Shrinking so much, I trip over my hems, don'tcha know. In fact, three seamstresses opened a new shop here in Lake WhaddayathinkImean, just to shorten all of our greyhairs' hems. They call it: Hemming and Hawing. (Oh boy.)

We also talk politics, and can that ever get heated. Fortunately, we're all on the same page about most issues, so our frustrations are never aimed at each other. And, we time ourselves…five minutes per person. It used to be open-ended, but Beanpole's blood pressure would skyrocket, Twindle would break out in a wild purply skin rash, Officer Stanley Penelope McBottom's legs would cramp so badly, he'd hop around like a wild hare, desperately trying to work it out. As for 'ol Maybelle, my sinuses would flare up like engines on a Boeing B-52, and Sybil's false eyelashes would fall off. Don't ask me why. It just happened.

Vilma was the only non-victim of our angst about the injustice of things, because Vilma was the pup of the group. She still had hormones working for her, buffering her emotions, giving her the energy to spar for a cause, without causing paramedics to show up.

Also, seated at our grownups' table – solutions in all shapes and sizes. Why, every one of us has ideas to share about how to save the world, if we could only pull ourselves away from that Kawartha Dairy ice cream cone, don'tcha know.

What else is at our table? Cards, both the kind you play games with and the kind you make with paper, ink and watercolours that you give to folks on special occasions like when Officer McB finally went for electrolysis, don'tcha know. (Did I say he's the other pup in our group?)

And when we're not sitting at our special table, we go five pin bowling. We snow shoe. We make art. Support art. We make music. Support music. Write letters. Remember cursive? And we remember what it was like before our hair turned grey and highways of lines crisscrossed our faces.

I love sitting at our grownups' table, even though before I know it, I may need a highchair to reach it. And I feel lucky and grateful to be living here in Lake WhaddayathinkImean at this time in my life…. when youth is a memory and compression socks, a fact.

Maybelle's Fireside Stories is written by Jerelyn Craden. Jerelyn's books, "Vessie Flamingo Outshining the Moon," and "Maybelle's Cure for What Ails You" are available at amazon.com.

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Celebrating remarkable women

KATE BUTLER
Special to *County Life*

EACH YEAR, International Women's Day is celebrated on March 8.

Its origins go back to the early 20th century and can be linked to the suffragette movement at the time, as well as the labour movements across Europe and North America during that era. In March of 1911, over one million men and women attended rallies across Denmark, Germany, Austria and Switzerland, calling for women's rights to vote, work, receive training and higher education and to hold public office.

Just a few years later, the date of March 8th was settled upon as International Women's Day, though it wasn't officially marked by the United Nations until 1975.

While International Women's Day is often celebrated with tales of those women seen as revolutionary trailblazers, I think it's also important to acknowledge the vast spectrum of women's stories and experiences that surround us, including all those women who, while remarkable, might never have considered themselves to be so.

When I think about Haliburton County's history, women's stories have sadly often been left in the background, perhaps due to the fact that, in the County's early days, it was almost exclusively men who were the business owners and holders of public office in the community.

Many settler women found themselves living lives that were probably quite different from what they had imagined. Many families had moved to the Highlands

with dreams of farming, but then quickly discovered that they needed to diversify.

With men working in the lumber camps during the winter, the weight of running many households was carried completely by women during the harshest months of the year, yet these women persevered, while also looking after their families and each other. In some cases, due to changes of circumstance, these women found themselves having to think creatively to make ends meet, at a time when there were fewer career opportunities open to women.

Some made use of their skills as seamstresses, while others took in boarders. A number of young local women pursued careers in teaching, making an impact on their students which would last a lifetime.

Midwives and practical nurses may have seen themselves as simply helping their neighbours, but they were saving lives, as well as providing comfort and reassurance to women who knew that in an isolated rural community in the 1800s, childbirth came with few guarantees.

When we look through our own family trees, I'm sure we can each also find stories of remarkable women to celebrate.

I was just recently thinking about my great-great-grandfather's aunt. She may sound like a rather distant relation, but I think that her influence can still be felt today.

She took in and provided a home for my great-great-grandfather and for one of his cousins when they were both orphaned as children, providing stability for them at a time when their lives had been turned upside-down.

She and my great-great-grandfather seem to have stayed close as he grew up, and my great-great-grandparents even named their eldest daughter in his aunt's honour.

This International Women's Day, I hope you took some time to celebrate the stories of remarkable women, both past and present

While great strides have been made since the first International Women's Day, together we can make the future even brighter!

Top 10 reasons daylight savings time ought to be scrapped.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS Time good reasons to ask your dog to sit. This is why sit is almost is upon us again. And, frankly, I would have preferred it if we had just all decided not to go to all the trouble. And not just because I could have used an hour's more sleep. Here are the top 10 reasons I think daylight saving time out to be scrapped.

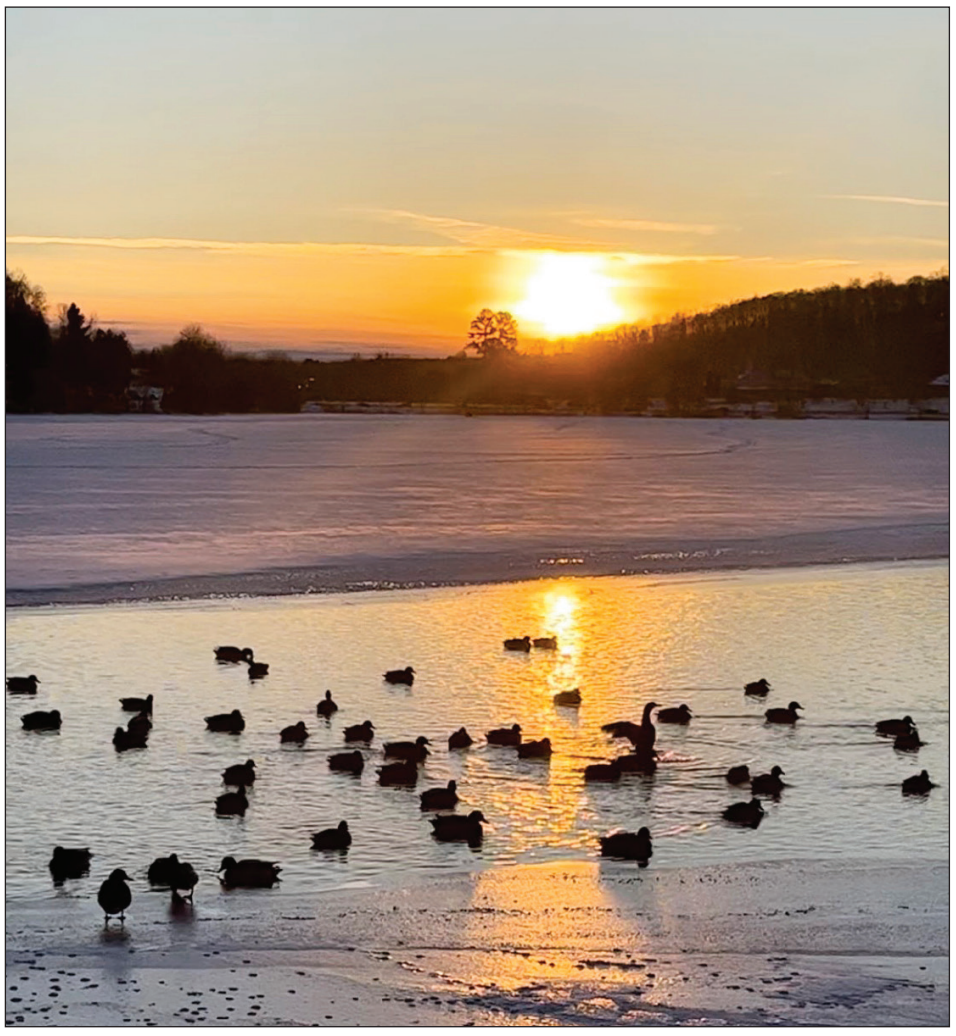
STEVE GALEA
Humour Columnist

1. When some people hear fall backwards, they think you are asking them to do one of those trust exercises.
2. Now the clock in my vehicle will be wrong for 6 months.
3. You're not fooling anyone with this charade.
4. My dog does not abide by it.
5. Why make time travel more complicated, when I am so close….
6. We have perfected headlamps and outdoors lighting.
7. Call it whatever time you like, but my digestive system will never "spring forward."
8. Forces you do that addition and subtraction stuff.
9. What have the calendar makers ever done for us?
10. Now my friend who "does not follow the news" will be an hour late for the next month or so.

Stranded

Feather, untethered, from its wing,
curled on the shore, amongst the pebbles and stones, weathered and worn, from winter Wind,
I scoop it up and warm it in the nest of my palm, smoothing the feather's fraying edges with my fingers,
this fragile treasure, that I cup in my hand, wondering how long it's been stranded here,
beneath this boundless Sky, where it used to fly, before it loosened from its wing,
drifting through Air, as the seagull continued on its flight, a splinter lighter than a few seconds before,
the feather carried on a current of Wind, whirling and swirling like a snowflake,
'till it lands, far from the Home of its wing,
Wind flinging it onto the shore, where it nestles amongst the pebbles and other feathers,
strewn across the strand.
I walk, unable to peel my eyes from the ground, spotting feather after feather,
pasted to a pebble, or lodged in the crack between a pair of rocks,
retrieving them and holding them by their stem,
twirling them between my fingers, like a flower or a leaf,
marveling at their markings, no two feathers the same,
a black ink splotch staining one, another, white as newborn Snow,
another, mottled as this afternoon Sky, blotting the glow of Sun.
I cradle the feathers in my palm, savouring these whispers of summer, in the middle of winter,
stroking their softness, smoothing their raggedness, as snowflakes begin to fall,
fat, wet clumps, cloaking the pebbles and stones, melting into my palm, drenching the feathers I hold,
as I lay them back onto the shore, keeping only one, its inky eye, peering up at me,
as I blink up at all the snowflakes tumbling down, like tufts of feathers from a molting Sky, blurring Air,
as I gaze out across the Lake, at the smudges of hills, that I no longer see,
a flurry of Snow feathers smearing the horizon, blank as a seagull, flapping through Air, somewhere,
a feather, untethering from its wing, swirling, soundless, with the snowflakes, towards the ground,
not knowing where it will land, as I stand here on the shore, amongst the pebbles and stones,
cupping my hand up towards Sky, snowflakes blurring the inky eye of the feather I hold,
curled in the nest of my palm,
Wind flinging it far, from the wing of its Home.

By Sylvie Kalenda



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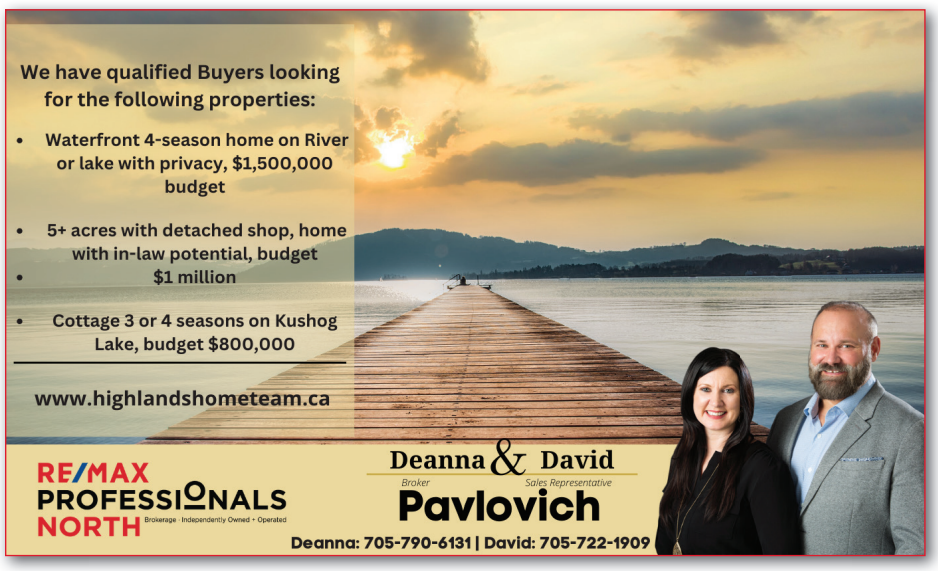
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Branch 129 Haliburton

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Tuesdays: League darts starting at 7 p.m. Haliburton Army Cadets practice 6:30 to 9 p.m. (Sept to June)

Wednesdays: Bid Euchre 1 p.m. start – Main Hall. Bingo doors open at 6 p.m. Bingo starts at 7 p.m. First Wed of each month - $1000 jackpot, rest will be a $500 jackpot. Follow Facebook.com/Branch129 Bingo for the most up-to-date information

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Fridays: Meat draw has five draws, five prizes each draw, first draw at 4:30 p.m., last draw at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are $2 per draw. Ed Pickard, MC.

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Branch 636 Minden

Lunch - Monday to Friday

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Jackrabbit grows in leaps and bounds

The popularity of cross country skiing in the Highlands seems guaranteed for years to come given the turnout at the weekly Jackrabbit ski lessons at Glebe Park every Saturday. The trails are busy every day of the week, and even the nights thanks to the lit trails.

Abundance of snow makes winter of 2000-2001 one to remember

ERIK MARTENSSON
Staff Reporter

"I remember the winter of 2000-2001..."

That will be the refrain for years to come in Haliburton County as the region is experiencing one of the heaviest snow accumulations in recent memory. Those who reminisce about this year's season will surely recall the continual dustings of snow and the December storm that left more than a half-metre of the white stuff blanketing the

observer Phil Graham of Minden says a look back at the last decade of statistics shows that we are indeed experiencing an unusual winter. More than 200 centimetres of snow has fallen so far this season, easily eclipsing the 178 centimetre average of the last 10 years.

While you will find varying opinions on whether the mass of snow that's been dumped on the Highlands is a good or bad thing, businesses and those involved in outdoor recreational activities are singing its praises.

"Shovels and all that winter stuff you can't hardly keep, you just can't keep it."

Pentney notes that sales have been brisk and continue to this day.

"Snow rakes last a day, you can get 100 in here and they last a day. People phone constantly looking for them."

"Probably the hottest seller here would be roof rakes," says Doug Olliffe of Haliburton Home Hardware. "The shovels, roof rakes, salt, it's all selling well."

Hodgson to lead province's new Smart Growth as the Minister of Municipal Affairs

MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

Chris Hodgson says his skills as a consensus builder will be put to good use as the Minister of Municipal Affairs as the provincial government embarks on one of its major infrastructure programs, Smart Growth.

"I'm excited about it," he said in a telephone interview on Thursday, the day Premier Mike Harris unveiled a major cabinet shuffle.

Hodgson says Harris asked him to lead the Smart Growth initiative, which has become the government's pet project.

"It touches people's lives directly," Hodgson says of the program's scope and importance, noting that Harris wanted someone "who could reach consensus" to spearhead it.

In essence, Hodgson will be working with municipal governments and, it's hoped, the federal government, to plan for future growth. Although the economy might be headed for a down turn, he says that makes it more important than ever to use the time to improve infrastructure and protect the people who might be hurt.

"You need growth to expand the safety net," he says.

But growth cannot happen unless the infrastructure is in place, and that's why the variship that works so that we can grow together? It has to be partnerships in order for it to work. The best way to come up with a good plan is to consult and come up with a consensus...

"(With Smart Growth) there will be a bigger role for government and we have to get along and work together."

Hodgson noted that in his previous role as chairman of the management board, about 14 contracts with provincial workers were settled without strikes and numerous collective agreements were reached without controversy.

He was instrumental in developing new roles for race tracks, for which he was given special commendation by the racing industry.

He also helped Natural Resources Minister John Snobelen deliver the final Lands for Life policy, a resource protection program Hodgson started.

The Ontario Association of Municipalities, AMO, welcomes Hodgson's appointment.

Noting that Hodgson is a former reeve of Dysart et al and warden of Haliburton County, giving him an understanding of municipal concerns, president Ann Mulvale says "Mr. Hodgson was also well regarded by past AMO President Michael Power when Mr. Hodgson served as the Minister

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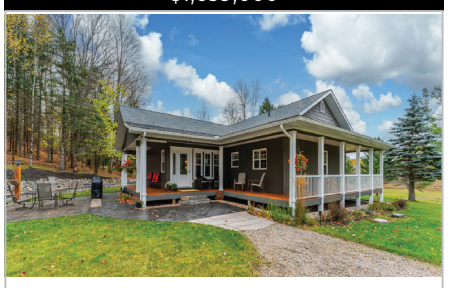

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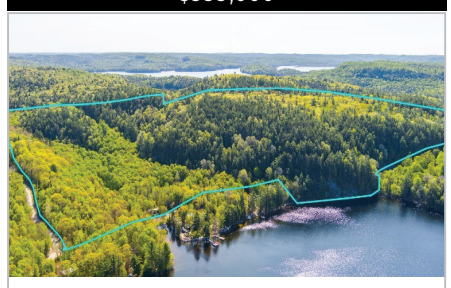

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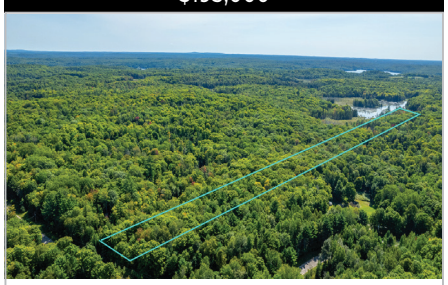


330 FT. FRONTAGE · MUNICIPAL ROAD · 24.65 ACRES

MLS# 40476956

GRACE RIVER ROAD
$185,000

LAKEFRONT · 2.61 ACRES

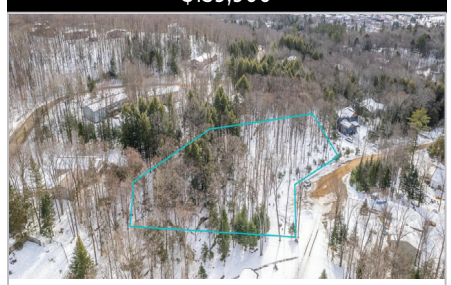
MLS# 40549856

GRACE RIVER ROAD
$179,000

RIVERFRONT · 1.23 ACRES

MLS# 40549838

LAKEVIEW ST.
$159,900



GREAT LOCATION · MUNICIPAL ROAD · 1.47 ACRES

MLS# 40538935

HWY 118
$479,000

MLS# 40543181

MOUNTAIN STREET
$628,000

MLS# 40529487

HALIBURTON LAKE
$875,000

MLS# 40534333

PINE AVENUE
$109,500

MLS# 40542276

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JAN. 1, 2023 - DEC. 31, 2023

Baumgartner Realty Group		Other Haliburton Brokerages
Days on Market		**Days on Market**
38 Days		49 Days
Average Sale Price	SOLD	**Average Sale Price**
$888,979		$794,371
List to Sale Price Ratio		**List to Sale Price Ratio**
99.80%		97.78%

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